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## HOUSE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_

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*Introduced by: Lehman*

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION urging the legislative council to assign to the appropriate study committee the topic of rewriting Title 7.1 (Alcohol and Tobacco) of the Indiana Code.

*Whereas, In 1933 Prohibition was officially repealed with the passage of the 21st Amendment;*

*Whereas, In 1935 Indiana began to seek methods to regulate and control the alcohol industry so that it did not return to the excesses and abuses that led to Prohibition years before;*

*Whereas, A three-tier system was adopted to regulate the way in which alcohol goes from the manufacturer to the consumer;*

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*Whereas, The introduction of the three-tier system and many of the "Blue Laws" in Indiana were a result of the Prohibition era;*

*Whereas, These laws were compromises between repealing Prohibition but still wanting to regulate the alcohol industry due to its potential dangers;*

*Whereas, Many of Indiana's alcohol laws date back to Prohibition-era regulations regarding the use and sale of alcohol;*

*Whereas, Title 7.1 contains many ambiguities, carve outs, and specific nuances making the code cumbersome and difficult to navigate; and*

*Whereas, Title 7.1 should clearly specify the identities and functions of the various stakeholders in the alcohol industry to meet the needs of our society: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1       SECTION 1. That the legislative council is urged to assign to the
- 2       appropriate study committee the topic of rewriting Title 7.1 (Alcohol
- 3       and Tobacco) of the Indiana Code.

